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In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1631
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Hajime AGA et al.)	Examiner: M. MORAN
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Serial No.: 09/034,336)	Washington D.C.
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Filed: March 4, 1998)	October 15, 2001
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For: A METHOD FOR INHIBITING)	
OXYGEN-ELIMINATING...)	
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Concurrent with filing a Request of Continued
Examination, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Seventh Amendment) A method for inhibiting the
decrease of naturally occurring active-oxygen-eliminating
activity in a fresh plant in need thereof when the fresh plant
is sliced or disrupted, or when an edible part of the fresh
plant is disrupted, which comprises a step of

incorporating homogeneously, in an aqueous system,
at least 1% of an inhibitory agent based on said fresh plant
or said edible part on a dry solid basis into said fresh plant
or an edible part of said fresh plant which inhibitory agent
has an active-oxygen-eliminating activity, said inhibitory
agent comprising an effective amount of trehalose, and
optionally at least one member selected from the group
consisting of pullulan and cyclodextrin, and said inhibitory

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